



WING BEAT NEWS



REGION 2—SACRAMENTO VALLEY/CENTRAL SIERRA COUNTIES

Plumas, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yolo, Solano, Yuba, Sutter, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada and Sierra



SUMMER 2002

DOVE HUNTING

Mourning doves are the most abundant dove in North America and the most widely hunted and harvested game bird. Hunting season for the migratory dove is set annually by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and approved by the California Fish and Game Commission in early August. In California the PROPOSED Dove Season opens the first day of September and runs for 15 consecutive days (Sunday Sept. 1 thru. Sunday Sept. 15, 2002). The PROPOSED late season opens again the second weekend of November for 45 consecutive days (11-9 thru 12-23-2002). The PROPOSED bag limits and shooting hours will be 10 per day, 20 in possession from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Doves are often hunted near harvested grain fields such as wheat, barley, safflower or sunflower. Doves prefer to feed on bare or nearly bare ground so a mowed, weed field can be attractive. When hunting the state wildlife areas as well as private lands, look for doves along the creeks, rivers, and other tree lined habitats. The first and last 2-3 hours of the day are usually when the doves are most active. Sierra Nevada foothill locations such as the Tehama and Spenceville WA's, the coastal foothills, and many of the valley WA's are good. Water sources such as canals and ponds can also be good places to sit and wait for the doves to come to you. Several wildlife areas have utilized Upland Game Bird Stamp funds to plant safflower and sunflower to improve dove habitats and hunting. It is illegal to scatter grain or other seed in a field which is hunted.

Reports from Fish and Game field biologists indicate that this should be an average to good year.

The following is a list of public lands where doves are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. It is recommended that a trip to one of these areas before dove season will let you know where the habitats and birds are located.

Questions and Answers -

Are reservations necessary for hunting the northern California /Sacramento Valley wildlife areas? No reservations are needed for hunting during the Sept. dove season. A reservation may be useful during the late dove season on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas such as Upper Butte Basin, Gray Lodge, and Yolo Bypass Wildlife areas.

Is there a charge? There is no charge for hunting any of the Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Areas during the early dove season or the Type C wildlife areas during the late dove season. There is a fee charged (tentatively \$12.50/day) on the Type A waterfowl hunting areas when the waterfowl season begins.

PLACES TO HUNT (Sa/Su =safflower/sunflower plots planted on the wildlife areas; N,S,E,W = directions)

Tehama Wildlife Area - Type C area - (44,601 acres), 25 miles east of Red Bluff on Highway 36 to Plum Creek Road; or east on Hogsback Road. Doves found along ridges, Hogsback Road, Meeker and Myers Ponds and various stock ponds. Call DFG at (530) 597-2201.

Black Butte Reservoir (3000 acres) – 25 miles west of Chico via Hwy 32 on County Road 200 (Newville Road). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (530) 865-4781. Web site www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/lakes or email blackbutte-info@spk.usace.army.mil.

Sacramento River Wildlife Area – Type C areas – (Butte/Glenn/Colusa Counties) – Pine Creek, Jacinto, Shannon Slough, and Princeton Units. Access is mainly by boat except for the Shannon Slough Unit. The Sacramento River habitat is generally heavily wooded. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area - Type A area - Little Dry Creek Unit , 11 miles west of Gridley on Gridley-Colusa Hwy and turn right at the wildlife area entrance to the self-registration check station.

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Su/Sa SE of parking lot 3. Howard Slough Unit, 11 miles west of Highway 99 on Highway 162 and turn right on ZZ Road for 1 mile to the self-registration check station. Su/Sa NE of both parking lots 1 and 2 and a plot at the N end of the Unit. Llano Seco Unit, 13 miles west of Hwy 99 and turn right on Z Road/7 Mile Road for 7 miles to the self-registration check station on the left. Two Su/Sa between parking lots 1 and 2 and a plot N of parking lot 2. Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., controlled by waterfowl permit regulations. Call (530) 982-2169 for more info. Pick up maps at the check stations.

Oroville Wildlife Area (10,000 acres) - Type C area - West of Oroville on Highway 162, Sixteen Sa/Su plots were planted around the Thermalito Afterbay on both sides of Highway 162, (530) 538-2236.

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) - Type C area - East of Marysville on Highway 20 about 18 miles and turn right on Smartville Road for 1 mile. Many acres of Sa/Su planted this year. Sa/Su planted along Pittman Road, a large plot S of Spenceville Road, plots west of Waldo Road, and three plots along Smartville Road and a plot south of Long Ravine Road. Due to lack of bird use, no Sa/Su was planted N/S of Hammonton Road on the detached northern wildlife area parcel.

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (9200 acres) - Type A area - 10 miles east of Live Oak on Pennington and Almond Orchard Roads, (530) 846-3315. Hunting is good near several safflower and sunflower plots and in abandoned orchards. For early dove season, sign in at the self-registration booth located at Pennington and Rutherford roads where maps are located. Entry for late season dove hunting on Sat., Sun., and Wed., is controlled by waterfowl permit regulations.

Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (3766 acres) - Type C area - 10 miles west of Yuba City via Highway 20 or Franklin Road or Oswald Road or Highway 113. (Look for the privately owned safflower fields adjacent to the Sutter Bypass Levee.) You must stay on the Sutter Bypass levee to hunt doves. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (1,248 acres) – Type C area – 1 1/2 miles north of Colusa on River Road. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

Feather River Wildlife Area (2200 acres in 5 separate properties) - Type C areas -10-15 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville. Abbott Lake and the O'Connor Lakes Units are south of Yuba City on Garden Highway at the end of Star Bend Road. The Nelson Slough Unit is under the Highway 99 Bridge near Nicolaus. The Star Bend and Lake of the Woods Units are south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard and accessible from the Star Bend Fishing Access. Due to lack of funding, no safflower or sunflowers were planted on these areas this year. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (2,357 acres) - 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Road and Dolan Harding Road, DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2900.

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Dept. of Parks and Recreation (530) 885-4527/988-0205.

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (3,700 acres) - 3 miles east of Davis and 4 miles west of West Sacramento of Interstate 80. From east bound I-80 take East Chiles Road exit and travel east 1/4 mile to the west levee access. From west bound I-80, take Frontage Road exit immediately west to the west end of the Yolo Causeway, turn right at the stop sign and head south under freeway to west levee access. Safflower plots were planted north of both parking lots F and G. Large fields of Sa are being grown adjacent to the wildlife area. You must stay within the wildlife area to hunt doves. DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900 or (530) 757-2461.

White Slough Wildlife Area (880 acres) - Seven miles west of Lodi. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900.

New Hogan Lake (400 acres available for hunting) - 30 miles east of Stockton. Corps of Engineers (209) 772-1343.

New Melones Lake (25,000 acres) - 25 miles east of Oakdale. Bureau of Reclamation (209) 536-9094

COASTAL AREA - Dove hunting in the north and central portions of the Central Coast Region is generally fair because cold weather before the Sept. 1 opener sends many doves south. If we are lucky and do not have the cold period, however, dove hunting can be good to excellent.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acres of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (70,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo, and Colusa Counties - From Williams on I-5, go west about 33 miles on Highway 20 to the parking lot on the south side of the highway. This parking lot is also about 8 miles east of Clearlake Oaks. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (4,990 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties - About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 turn north on Walker Ridge Road. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (60,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties - Access from Ukiah (about 8-10 miles): Highway 101 to Talmadge Road to East Side Road to Mill Creek Road to the Recreation Area. Access from Lakeport: Take 11th St. exit from Highway 29 west to Scotts Valley Road, then left on Riggs Road to Scotts Creek Road and the Recreation Area. BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000.

Mendocino National Forest - U.S. Forest Service at (530) 934-3316.

Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Wingo and Huichica Units - Six miles south of Sonoma - Wingo Unit is on Millerex Road and the Huichica Creek Unit is on Buchli Station Road. Call DFG at (707) 944-5500.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

A. The following wildlife areas will be open to dove hunting throughout the legal season without reservation or quota. Sign in at the self-registration booth. The number of hunters to each area will not be regulated - Little Panoche Reservoir, San Luis Reservoir, Gadwall Unit, Upper and Lower Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Areas.

B. The following San Joaquin Valley wildlife areas have a quota or drawing:

Winton – Juniors only . This area is located approximately 6 miles north of Winton, adjacent to the Merced River. Forty acres of safflower was grown by a private landowner for a special juniors only dove hunt. Two hunts are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, one-half hour before sunrise to noon and 1:00 p.m. to sunset. These hunts can accommodate 50 hunters, 25 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. The hunts are as follows: Hunt A: September 7, morning; Hunt B: September 7, afternoon.

Los Banos Wildlife Area will have two designated hunt areas on opening day, September 1, with a total hunter capacity of 100. The remainder of the area will be open to provide hunting for non-reservation hunters. Total capacity of the area will be 300 hunters. The area will remain open for birding, sightseeing, fishing, frogging, and dog training. However, camping will be restricted to the main parking lot Saturday, August 31. The hunt is as follows: Hunt R: Friday, September 1.

Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area will be divided into three sections (northern, center and southern sections) with reservations being issued for 160 hunters for September 1. Section selection will be made at the check station. Any space available at one-half hour before legal shoot time will be filled by non-reservation hunters. Section quotas will be refilled throughout the day as space becomes available. The hunt for Salt Slough Unit is Hunt S: September 1.

China Island Unit of North Grasslands Wildlife Area. Reservations are not issued or required for September 1. Quota for dove hunting will be 300 hunters.

O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area will be limited to 75 hunters on September 1, with all permits issued by a lottery drawing that morning at the parking lot two hours before shoot time. Refills will be allowed as persons leave the area. The area will be open everyday during the September dove season.

Volta Wildlife Area will be closed to all dove hunting.

For maps or a San Joaquin Valley Wing Beat News subscription with info about these lands and other hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Los Banos Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.

How to Apply for the San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts

To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference. Applications may include up to three hunters applying as a party. Applications may not include more than 2 adults and one junior or one adult and two junior hunters. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and your guest(s): (1) hunt area (i.e. Los Banos [R]), (2) name, (3) address, (4) daytime and evening telephone number, (5) 2002-2003 hunting license number and (6) if you have a mobility impairment and need special accommodations.

Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a guest for each area and hunt period. Applying for the same hunt area and period more than once will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) carefully. Changes cannot be made after the drawing. Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications must be returned to: San Joaquin Valley Dove Hunts, DFG, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710.

Applications must be received by Friday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified and supplied with additional information about their hunt. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). An Upland Game Bird stamp is required of all hunters, except junior license holders. This information and application can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.



2001 Dove Opener Results From Upper Butte Basin, Spenceville, Oroville/Thermalito and Gray Lodge Wildlife Areas



September 1, 2001	# Hunters	# Doves	Average	September 2, 2001	#Hunters	#Doves	Average
Little Dry Creek	55	140	2.5	Spenceville	37	16	0.4
Howard Slough	140	350	2.5				
Llano Seco	200	300	1.5	Sept. 2-3, 2001			
Spenceville	541	484	0.9	Oroville	17	24	1.4
Oroville/Thermalito	89	271	3.0	Gray Lodge	272	128	0.4
Gray Lodge	565	1573	2.8				
Yolo Bypass	104	173	1.7				

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Sponsors Dove Hunts

September 1-2, 2002 - WON hunts doves at Dye Creek Preserve near Red Bluff in Northern California at the 37,000-acre Dye Creek Hunting Preserve east of Los Molinos/Red Bluff. Limited to 75 hunters. Non-hunters and licensed junior hunters welcome free except for barbecue, which is \$15. Hunt opening day Sunday and Monday. Free camping on premises, no hookups. Overnight accommodations available for 10 people, (rooms accommodate 3, 4 and 6 people, issued by application) at \$50 additional per person for the two days. Two days hunting and limited to legal possession limit of two daily limits. Opening day barbecue included, other meals provide on your own. Free WON HUNTS DOVES tee-shirt. Cost: \$200. Contact Bill Karr at (530) 642-0870 or e-mail at WONNORTH@pacbell.net.

Sept. 1-2: WON HUNTS DOVES in Central California at Turks Station out of Coalinga. Limited to 100 hunters. Non-hunters and licensed junior hunters welcome free except for barbecue which is \$15. Hunt opening day Sunday and Monday. Free camping on premises, no hookups. Weekend accommodations available for 10 people in exclusive on-site lodge at additional cost of \$120 per person. Two days hunting, limited to legal possession limit of two daily limits. Opening day barbecue included, other meals provide on your own. Free WON HUNTS DOVES t-shirt for each paying attendee. Cost: \$200. Contact Bill Karr at (530) 642-0870 or e-mail at WONNORTH@pacbell.net.

Free Wildlife Area Map Packets

Free maps for the following public lands are available at 1) Dept. of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, 2) DFG Licenses, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 or by calling (916) 358-2900 during business hours. The following maps are available as a packet: Tehama WA-Tehama Co., Sacramento River WA - Glenn/Butte/Colusa Co., White Slough WA - San Joaquin Co., New Hogan Lake - Calaveras Co., Oroville WA - Butte Co., Putah Creek WA - Solano Co., Indian Valley WA - Colusa/Lake Co., Black Butte Lake - Tehama/Glenn Co., Abbott/O'Connor Lakes Units - Sutter Co., Nelson Slough Unit - Sutter Co., Sacramento Bypass WA - Sacramento County, Lake of the Woods Unit - Yuba Co., Sutter Bypass WA - Sutter Co., Colusa Bypass WA- Colusa Co., Fremont Weir WA- Yolo Co., Auburn State Recreation Area- Placer Co., Daugherty Hill WA - Yuba Co., Spenceville WA - Yuba/Nevada Co., Clifton Court Forebay - Contra Costa Co., Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA, Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Area Map, Gray Lodge WA - Butte Co., Clear Lake Area Public Lands Maps, Boggs Mtn State Forest, Jackson State Forest, Gray Lodge WA- Butte Co., Upper Butte Basin WA- Butte Co., Yolo Bypass WA- Yolo Co., Grizzly Island WA - Solano Co., and the Delevan, Colusa, Sutter, and Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuges. There are also plans inside for making wood duck and bluebird boxes.

Sage Grouse Hunting in 2002

The Department of Fish and Game have begun accepting applications for annual sage grouse hunts. The final upland game bird hunting regulations will not be adopted by the Fish and Game Commission until August 2002, however, the proposed 2002 sage grouse hunting season is scheduled for September 14 and 15, 2002

As in previous years, hunts are scheduled for portions of Lassen, Mono and Inyo Counties. In Lassen County, the proposed bag limit is two sage grouse per season. In the Mono and Inyo areas, the proposed bag limit is one grouse per season. There is plenty of public land available for hunting as much of sage grouse territory is made up of BLM land. Hunters are advised to bring plenty of water and be prepared for rugged terrain and hot, dry conditions.

In order to hunt sage grouse, hunters must be drawn for a sage grouse hunting permit. The permits are issued by a random drawing at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters may apply for only one of the four sage grouse hunting zones (East Lassen, Central Lassen, North Mono and South Mono-Inyo). In addition, all sage grouse hunters are required to have an Upland Game Bird Stamp.

Sage grouse permit applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch by 5:00pm, August 12, 2002. Hunters may apply for a sage grouse permit by sending a postcard with the required information to: the Department of Fish and Game, Sage Grouse Permit Drawing, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 95816. At press time for Wing Beat News the online application process was not confirmed. To check and verify if it is available please go to the Fish and Game web page, License and Revenue Branch home page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/> and click on the "Sage Grouse Permit Drawing Application" link.

All applications must include the hunter's name, 2002/2003 California hunting license number, residence address and the hunt zone choice. Incomplete applications and those with invalid hunting license numbers will be disqualified.

Hunters may apply in parties of up to four, but each hunter needs to list his or her name, mailing address, and 2002/2003 hunting license number on the application. Each hunter may submit only one application for one hunt area.

Falconers may also apply for sage grouse permits but must write "Falconry Only" on their applications. Check current regulations after the August Commission meeting for season dates. (normally Nov-Jan)

The conservative sage grouse permit quotas that are proposed are based on spring lek (male display areas) counts and will be finalized by the Fish and Game Commission on August 2002. Trends in peak lek counts since 1987, when California established a hunter permit system, have been generally stable.

Hunters wanting more information about the sage grouse permit drawings can contact Glenn Underwood at (916) 227-2268.

Sutter/Yuba Junior/Disabled Junior Pheasant Hunts and Sutter-Yuba Women's Pheasant Hunt

New Hunting Opportunities for Women, Juniors and Disabled Juniors near Sacramento. For the first time, the Sutter and Yuba County Fish and Game Commissions, and the Dept. of Fish and Game have added pheasant hunting for women and disabled juniors to their long established junior pheasant hunt north of Sacramento. Women will have a choice of hunting fields with other women, or with their daughters and sons. See application in this issue.

When: Weekends of October 19-20 (am only), and November 2-3 (am and pm hunts), 2002 for junior and women hunters. October 26-27 (am and pm) hunts for juniors only. October 27 pm hunt also for disabled junior hunters.

Where: Nelson Slough Wildlife Area, 20 miles north of Sacramento on Highway 99 adjacent to the Feather River.

How: Complete application in this issue or send your name, mailing address, hunting license number and day/night phone numbers to: Dept. of Fish and Game, Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra Region, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Include the top 3 choices for dates and times you would like to hunt.

Other pheasant hunts will be available this fall

All hunters must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Course and purchased a California Hunting License. Call your local sporting goods stores, large department store sporting goods area, shooting range, or city recreation departments for the next scheduled hunter education course. Consider a trip to the local shooting range to practice on clay pigeons.

If you did not receive this copy of the Sacramento Valley Wing Beat News in the mail, send your name and mailing address to Dept. of Fish and Game, 3207 Rutherford Road, Gridley, CA 95948 to be placed on the mailing list. You will be notified in the Fall issue of the many women/junior/family pheasant hunts which will be available.

Cosumnes River Preserve Dove Hunt

When: September 1 and 2, 2002

Where: Dillard Road and Hwy 99 between Elk Grove and Galt

How: This is a permitted hunt. Send a postcard to Dept. of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, with the name, address, phone #, and license numbers for up to 4 hunters with the name "Cosumnes Preserve" and one or both dates that you would like to hunt. Applications must be in by August 14, 2002.

The area is a mix of forest, weeds and agricultural fields. Safflower has been planted to provide improved dove habitat.

WHO NEEDS A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE?

While this seems like a very simple question to answer, many people get confused and either fail to buy a license, buy the wrong one, or buy one when it is not needed. Let's consider fishing licenses first.

No license is needed for anglers that are under the age of 16 years. When they reach their 16th birthday, an adult fishing license is required with the appropriate stamps. A fishing license would make a wonderful birthday present for the person reaching their 16th birthday.

Some people are under the impression that once you reach 65 (or 60, 62, 70; the age varies) you do not need a fishing license. This is not true! You do need a fishing license regardless of your age once you reach 16. However, there are reduced fee and free fishing licenses available if you meet the criteria.

All persons, regardless of age, who hunt any bird or mammal, are required to possess a valid California hunting license. Licenses may be renewed by presenting a CA hunting license from a prior year or evidence of having held such license, a hunter safety certificate, or a certificate of competence to your local license dealer or a DFG license office. Junior licenses are available for persons 15 years old and younger.

To obtain your first hunting license, a person must pass a Hunter Education Class to receive a Hunter Safety Certificate. This certificate can be presented to any license dealer to purchase a current hunting license. These classes are offered in various locations throughout the State and at different times.

SEE HUNTER SAFETY SCHEDULE IN THIS EDITION OF WBN!

Also, if you plan to hunt out of state, be aware that many states now require you possess a valid hunter safety certificate before you can purchase a hunting license. Plan ahead if you cannot find your certificate; enroll in a class as soon as possible.



APPLICATION- 2002

Sutter-Yuba Junior/Disabled Junior Pheasant Hunts & Sutter-Yuba Women's Pheasant Hunt

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By signing my name hereto, I specifically waive for myself, my heirs administrators, assigns, and assignees, all claim and demand against the United States, the State of California, the County of Sutter, the County of Yuba, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or the owner or owners of any land contained in this area, for all injury or loss accruing or arising in any manner whatsoever while I am exercising the privileges granted by this permit, using the area, or while in route to or from the same.

X _____
Signature of Junior

X _____
Signature of Adult Woman Hunter or
Adult Legally Responsible for Junior or
Woman hunter under 18.

Junior/Women's Pheasant Hunts held at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area, 20 miles north of Sacramento on Highway 99 adjacent to the Feather River. From 1 mile north of the Feather River on Highway 99 turn east or left on Sacramento Avenue and follow the signs.

HUNT TIMES - Oct. 19 + 20: 9AM – 3PM Plan to arrive 30 minutes early
Oct. 26, 27, Nov. 2, 3: AM Hunts: 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM PM Hunts: 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM (Approx).

Definitions: Junior Hunter - A person who purchased a junior hunting license while under the age of 16 years. Woman Hunter - A female with a California resident or nonresident hunting license. Disabled Junior Hunter - A person who purchased a junior hunting license while under the age of 16 years and has a mobility impairment Must be able to safely handle a shotgun.

[] Check box if you would like to hunt more than one hunt if hunts are not full.

() Are you a disabled junior hunter? Please check

Indicate Preference (1-First Choice - 10-Last choice)

Yuba Co. Fish & Game Commission

- [] SAT. 9 A.M. October 19, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SUN. 9 A.M. October 20, 2002 (Juniors+Women)

Sutter Co. Fish & Game Commission

- [] SAT. 8 A.M. October 26, 2002 (Juniors)
[] SAT. 1 P.M. October 26, 2002 (Juniors)
[] SUN. 8 A.M. October 27, 2002 (Juniors)
[] SUN. 1 P.M. October 27, 2002 (Juniors + Junior Disabled) Disabled Junior Hunt, Sunday, October 27, PM only.

Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game

- [] SAT. 8 A.M. November 2, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SAT. 1 P.M. November 2, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SUN. 8 A.M. November 3, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SUN. 1 P.M. November 3, 2002 (Juniors+Women)

Name of Woman/Junior _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adult Hunting License # (Woman) _____

Jrs Age _____ Jr Hunting License # _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____

ONE application per hunter may be submitted.

Mail applications to: Dept. of Fish and Game,
Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra Region
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 358-2877
You can also apply by letter/postcard w/same info.
Recommendation - Apply for earlier dates if possible.

Oct. 19 & 20 Hunt Drawing-Deadline October 1, 2002 / Oct. 26 & 27 Hunt Drawing-Deadline October 8, 2002

Nov. 2 & 3 Hunt Drawing- Deadline October 15, 2002

Late applications accepted if hunts are not full

Quota of 65 hunters per hunt

Gray Squirrel Hunting

Squirrels live in lots of places in California. Learning a little about the ecology of squirrels will allow you to better understand where and how to hunt squirrels. Several species of tree squirrel occur in California, however only the Western Grey Squirrel provide extensive and worthwhile hunting and eating opportunity. They are fairly common in mature stands of most conifer, hardwood and mixed hardwood conifer habitats throughout California. They are also found in riparian woodlands along the many Central Valley rivers. They require hollow trees or will build a stick nest. Food varies seasonally, however acorns are an important summer, fall and winter food. Grey squirrels are non migratory and home ranges vary from about .5 to 2.5 acres in size.

Look around and under pine and nut trees. Gnawed nut shells and other food debris will tell you if the tree is regularly inhabited. As nervous and alert as they are, the squirrels will see you before you see them. It is wise to enter an area quietly, get comfortable, and wait for the little creatures to accept you as part of the environment.

What do you need to go squirrel hunting? A shotgun of any gauge or a small caliber rifle like a .22 caliber semi-automatic. If you are new to squirrel hunting, a shotgun with number 6 shot is best. Shotguns are better as the squirrels tend to jump from tree to tree a lot, but the shot can be a problem when eating, the ultimate goal. Dress for the weather and bring food and water. Know where you are before you decide where to go. That way you will get back to your vehicle in time for dinner.

Where to go? In the central part of the state the best opportunity to hunt grey squirrels occurs on national forest land within the range of black oaks and mixed black oaks with conifers. This may be, depending on latitude, from about 2,000 to 6,000 feet in elevation. Check the "Information Center" page for national forest maps and get going. In the Sierras, Highways 120, 108, 4, 88, 50, 80, 20, 70 and 36 will all get you into tree squirrel habitats. In the Coast Range, try the Mendocino National Forest. You can combine a squirrel hunting and mountain quail hunt when the seasons overlap.

Get your gear together, an ice chest to store your lunch and the squirrels you are going to bag and start looking. When you are sure you are where the squirrels are supposed to be, based on the habitat you are in, it's time to go hunting.

Basically, you can stalk these critters or sit on a rock, tree stump or folding chair and wait. A combination of the two usually works best. Stalk till you find a concentration and then wait them out. Your chance will come when they can't sit still any longer. Pack some food and drink with you for it may be a little wait.

Once you've killed some squirrels, its time to clean'em up so you can get to cooking and eating. Gut as soon as possible. And then keep'em cool. Squirrel is normally very mild flavored and tender.

Remember, in California the daily bag and possession limit for tree squirrels is 4 per day and 4 in possession.

The tree squirrel general season begins the second Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January (Sept. 14, 2002- Jan. 26, 2003). This applies to the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma,, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba, and that portion of Kern County lying east of Interstate 5.

Archery and Falconry Tree Squirrel Season and Area: Tree squirrels may be taken with bow and arrow or raptors only during the general tree squirrel season and as follows: the season in the counties of the Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne and Yuba: and that portion of Kern lying east of Interstate 5 shall open on the first Saturday in August extending through the day before general tree squirrel season (August 3 -Sept. 13, 2002).

The following is a list of public lands where squirrels are often found. Call the phone number for additional information and a map. Central Valley DFG wildlife areas are restricted to shotgun and archery hunting only.

PLACES TO HUNT

National Forests of California - Check the Information Page for phone numbers of the National Forest Offices or for any forest map contact: U.S. Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 at (707) 562-8737 or w/a credit card call (530) 647-5390. U.S. Forest Service maps are \$6 each. Plan a weekend and camp out at one of the many campgrounds.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres) - Type C area - 25 miles east of Red Bluff on Highway 36 to Plum Creek Road; or east of Red Bluff on Hogsback Road. Tree squirrels found along Plum Creek, Durley Flat, Antelope and Oak Creeks. Call DFG at (530) 597-2201.

Sacramento River Wildlife Area – Type C areas – (Butte/Glenn/Colusa Counties) – Pine Creek, Jacinto, Shannon Slough, and Princeton Units. Access is mainly by boat except for the Shannon Slough Unit. The Sacramento River habitat is generally heavily wooded. Call DFG at (916) 358-2900

Oroville Wildlife Area (10,000 acres) - Type C area - West of Oroville on Highway 162, (530) 538-2236. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) - Type C area - East of Marysville on Highway about 18 miles and turn right on Smartville Road for 1 mile, (530) 538-2236.

Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (4,200 acres) - 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Road and Dolan Harding Road, DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2900.

Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (3766 acres) - Type C area - 10 miles west of Yuba City via Highway 20 or Franklin Road or Oswald Road or Highway 113. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

Feather River Wildlife Area (2200 acres in 5 separate properties) - Type C areas -10-15 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville. Abbott Lake and the O'Connor Lakes Units are south of Yuba City on Garden Highway at the end of Star Bend Road. The Nelson Slough Unit is under the Highway 99 Bridge near Nicolaus. The Star Bend and Lake of the Woods Units are south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard and accessible from the Star Bend Fishing Access. DFG, Region 2 (916) 358-2900. Shotgun and archery hunting only.

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Dept. of Parks and Recreation (530) 885-4527/988-0205.

Knoxville Area in Lake and Napa Counties: Take Knoxville Devilhead Road off of Berryessa Knoxville Road just north of Knoxville. This is the only road into area. Access restricted to foot or horse traffic. BLM in Ukiah (707)462-3873.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acres of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (70,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo, and Colusa Counties - From Williams on I-5, go west about 33 miles on Highway 20 to the parking lot on the south side of the highway. This parking lot is also about 8 miles east of Clearlake Oaks. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 462-3873.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (4,990 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties - About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 turn north on Walker Ridge Road. DFG at (707) 944-5500 or BLM Ukiah office at (707) 462-3873.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman

The Department of Fish and Game sponsors "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" programs in Northern, Central and Southern California. We currently offer two full workshops per year and a number of smaller one and two day - topic specific workshops.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is a program primarily geared for women, but is an opportunity for anyone 18 years or older to learn the outdoor skills usually associated with hunting and fishing but useful for many outdoor pursuits.

Here is the current workshop schedule:

Shooting Clinic Coyote Valley Sporting Clays Club - Morgan Hill, California December July 27 \$60.00

Backpacking Trip Lassen Volcanic National Park near Helen Lake August 24-25 \$80.00

Fly Fishing Bidwell Ranch, Burney, California - Shasta County September 20-22 \$120.00

3-Day multi course workshop Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger California – Fresno County, October 25-27, Not yet taking registrations – check www.dfg.ca.gov for posted updates \$195.00

Birding with Brian Point Reyes Youth Hostel - Point Reyes, California, November 15-17 \$85.00

Guided Duck Hunt Wilderness Unlimited Property - TBA December \$90.00

Direct your questions to:
Susan Herrgesell Program Manager (916) 653-7448
Lesia Johnston Program Assistant (916) 653-7748

4th ANNUAL FISHING DAY GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA

The Gridley Recreation/Community Services along with Butte County Fish and Game Commission, Gridley Quota Club and many other area businesses and organizations are sponsoring a terrific FREE fishing event open to kids 15 years old and under at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area on Saturday, July 27, 2001. A pond will be stocked with catfish and bait and tackle will be available for those who need it. There will be prize drawings and a prize awarded for the largest fish of the day!

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and derby hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Last years derby was a great success with lots of fishermen and plenty more cheerleaders. Anyone, including those over 16 with a valid fishing license, may fish after 1:00 p.m. If you would like more information about this popular community event you can call the Gridley Recreation Department at (530) 846-3264.

Did You Know?

Hummingbirds only weigh only 1/10 of an ounce (or 3 grams). That is the same as a penny.

Deer grow new antlers every year. Antlers are covered with a soft skin called velvet that deer rub off once the antlers are fully grown.

Conservation during the last 30 years has helped the Aleutian goose population in California increase from 800 to 30,000,

Black-tailed deer live most of their life in the area where they are born, while other mule deer migrate 50 miles or more each year to escape the winter snow of the Sierra Nevada Mtns.

Chinook salmon can live up to nine years and can grow to more than 100 pounds.

When a female mallard lays eggs in the spring she lays one egg every day or two until she has a full clutch (8-15 eggs).

Fishing Opportunities in Yuba County

LAKE FRANCES -

The fish habitat in Lake Frances near Dobbins in Yuba County was vastly improved in 2000 when the dam was rebuilt by the Yuba County Water Agency. The dam was rebuilt because it was not earthquake stable. This 89 surface acre lake had many underwater rock piles and brush piles created to improve survival of the small fish. A wetland area on the east side of the lake serves as a nursery for many small fish and amphibians which provide food for the bass and catfish. The shoreline and underwater vegetation has been restored. This lake is open at no charge. No gasoline engines are allowed on the lake. Electric trolling motors are OK. The Lake Frances RV Resort and Store is open 7 days a week for camping and groceries. Their phone number is 1-888-993-7344 or 1-530-692 1700, or www.lakefrancisrv.com.

COLLINS LAKE -

This 600 surface acre lake has good bass and catfish fishing throughout the year. From February - April, trout are planted every 2-3 weeks. A total of 40,000 pounds of trout are planted each spring. Underwater fish habitat has been created to improve fish survival and to grow larger fish. There is 12 ½ miles of shoreline. Gasoline engines are allowed and there are boat rentals. There is a fee for lake access and the many other amenities including a sandy beach and playground. For more info call 1-800-286 0576 or 1-530-692 1600, or www.collinslake.com. You may want to visit the 4200 acre Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area adjacent to Collins Lake.

Directions to Collins Lake and Lake Frances – From Marysville, go 12 miles east on Highway 20. Turn left on Marysville Road (E21), travel 10 miles north and turn right on Collins Lake Road to Collins Lake. For Lake Frances, stay on Marysville Road for 2 miles past Collins Lake and turn right (east) on Marysville Road (E20) at Willow Glen. Travel about 7 miles and continue past Dobbins exit. Turn right (just under pedestrian bridge) on Old Dobbins Road. Make left turn onto Lake Frances Road to Lake Frances.

STONE LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTING COULD BE PART OF THE MANAGEMENT

Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is about to embark on an important, multi-year process to develop a “comprehensive conservation plan” for the refuge. This plan will help guide overall refuge management for the next 15 years. Hunting could become part of the management plan if the hunting public participates in the public hearings and lets their wishes be known. The refuge is located a 15 miles south of Sacramento on I-5 and 7 miles east of Elk Grove.

The refuge headquarters for over 4000 acres of managed lands is located at 1624 Hood Franklin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758. This refuge could grow to 18,000 acres. Comments about hunting being allowed on the refuge, as well as having your name added to their mailing list, should be directed to their refuge headquarters address or call (916) 775-4421. You can also contact Linda Tonarelli, Administrative Support Assistant at email: lyndatonarelli@fws.gov.

Stone Lakes NWR is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The FWS is a federal agency within the Department of Interior. The California Department of Fish and Game (which produces Wing Beat News) is a department within the State Resources Agency.

The public hearings are scheduled from 7:00pm-9:00pm. These dates have all been confirmed.

Monday, September 16, 2002 Elk Grove Community Services District Board Room
8820 Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove, CA 95624

Driving Directions: From Sacramento, take 99 South, exit Elk Grove Blvd.,
turn left (east). Approx. 1 mile on right hand side. Brick Bldg.

Thursday, September 26, 2002 Clunie Community Center (Auditorium)-McKinley Park
601 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816

Wednesday, October 2, 2002 Jean Harvie Community Center
14273 River Road Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Driving Directions: From Sacramento, take I-5 South, exit Twin Cities Road-Highway 104, then turn right and follow until road ends. Turn left on River Road, follow through Locke and into Walnut Grove. At the three way stop, go straight through the intersection. Jean Harvie is on the left side of the road, just after the second bridge, approximately 1/2 mile from the intersection.

Thursday, October 10, 2002 Veterans' Memorial Center - (Club Room)
203 East 14th Street - (corner of 14th & B Street) Davis, CA

Hunter Education Training Schedule

Persons interested in going hunting this fall should be making plans now to take their required hunter safety course. Hunter education courses must include at least 10 hours of training in both hunter safety and wildlife conservation. Some courses also include shooting practice at a range. Volunteers teach the courses and may charge a fee of up to \$10 per person. For upcoming courses contact any of the applicable numbers below or the following numbers for your area. No. California and No. Coast Region (530) 225-2003; Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 351-0833; Central Coast Region (707) 944-5576; San Joaquin Valley and So. Sierra Region (209) 243-4027; or So. California Region (562) 590-5670.

Hunter safety courses are also offered through local sporting goods stores, city or county recreation departments, shooting rangers or other hunting related businesses. The following is a list of classes already scheduled for the areas shown.

Northern Calif. – North Coast Region

Arcata 707-822-3096
Crescent City 707-464-7157
Eureka 707-443-6328
Red Bluff 530-528-8819
Redding 530-225-1025

\$10.00 in advance payable at Firearms Institute

Redding – Home Study 530-225-2300

Susanville- Home Study 530-251-2136

Aug. 5th –Bob Fallis

Sept. 30th- Don Kelly

Monthly dates vary- Brad Smith

Aug. class, Oct. tentative-Bob Barney

Aug. 5,6, & 8th – Marshall Jones

Monthly - pick up packet at DFG office, 601 Locust St. , Redding
Cliff Bannister for dates

Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region

Auburn & Lincoln 530-878-6937
Rancho Cordova 916-351-0538
West Sacramento 916-373-5860
Stockton 209-937-8206

209-823-7919

Placerville 530-644-2797

Elk Grove 916-686-1852

El Dorado County 530-622-3794

530-622-2480

Roseville 916-728-5500

Vacaville 707-449-4867

Chico 530-896-9935

Cameron Park 530-677-6996

Grass Valley 530-273-4440

Yolo County 530-662-3372

530-662-2349

530-662-4873

530-666-3752

Yuba City/Marysville 530 743-1518

530-751-7767

530-671-9250

Oroville 530-533-2011

Paradise 530-877-5114

Portola 530-832-5372

Chester 530-258-2415

530-596-4115

Quincy 530-283-1378

Rio Linda 916-991-5929

Rocklin 916-632-4100

Willows 530-934-2638

Diamond Springs 530-622-3794

Monthly

Monthly

Monthly

Monthly

Monthly-Manteca Sportsmen's Club

Monthly

Monthly- Mike Green

Monthly-Bill Adams or

Monthly- Jim Russell

Monthly-Brad Hunter

Monthly-The Shooting Gallery

Monthly-Butte Co. Search & Rescue Building

Private Classes- Vern Luce

Monthly-The Range

Monthly-Knights Landing Sportsmans Club,

Yolo Sportsmans Assoc.

Mike Russo, Instructor

George Gumpy, Instructor

Monthly- Marysville Parks & Rec Dept-Terry Oaks, Instructor

Monthly- Joe/Joan Becker, Instructors

Monthly-Chuck Wyllie, Instructor

Nelson Recreation Center- Jason Sehon, Instructor

Aug. 13th,15th and 17th- Paradise Sporting Goods, Larry Mane, Instructor

July 31st,Aug. 2nd & 4th –Sylvia Olsen

Aug. 6th, 8th,14th,& 15th –Dave Gonyer or

George Orloff, Instructor

Aug. class-Harry Howsden, Instructor

July 25th,27th, Aug.29th&31st – Rio Linda Rec Center

Sept. class-Rocklin Community Services-Brett Mattix, Instructor

Aug. class – John Hays

Aug.13th,15th,20th722nd,Oct. 8th,10th,15th&17th

Diamond Springs Fire Dept.-Bill Adams

Alameda County

Castro Valley 510-569-0213

San Leandro 510-638-9605

Dublin 925- 828-6416

Hayward 510-785-4868

First Saturday of every month-Chabot Gun Club

Monthly

Four classes per year-Buck Buchanan

July 13 & Nov. 16-Wilderness Unlimited

Contra Costa County Concord	Register in person 925-685-5437	Aug., Sept., Nov. classes-United Sportsman, Inc. Register at 4770 Evora Rd., Concord July 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th & 27 th – Concord Sportsman Inc. Aug. 24 th , 26 th , 27 th & 28 th –Cliff Ames, Instructor Sept. 23 rd , 24 th & 30 th –Martinez Gun Club Sam Grow, Instructor
Martinez	925-372-9599	
San Francisco County San Francisco	650-588-0924	July 15 th -19 th , Aug. 19 th -23 rd – Pacific Rod & Gun Club, John Brusco: Instructor
San Mateo County San Mateo Don Del Grande, Instructor	650-343-1280	Sept. 4 th , 6 th , 11 th & 13 th – Coyote Point Shooting Range
So San Francisco	510-713-8907	Aug. 10 th & 11 th , Oct. 26 th & 27 – Jackson Arms, Bill Tidwell, Instructor
Santa Clara County Morgan Hill San Jose Santa Cruz County Aptos	408-842-7578 408-972-2360 831-420-5309 (Press 5 on voice mail)	July –Nov. classes-Coyote Valley Sporting Clays July 27 th & 28 th –Sol Silverstein Aug. 3 rd & 10 th , Oct. 5 th & 12 th –Aptos Library Richard Beller, Instructor
Solano County Vallejo Suisun Vacaville Napa/Sonoma County Sonoma	707-642-9094 707-425-2618 707-449-4867 707-648-0410	Aug.-Nov. classes-Warren Madison Sept. & Nov. classes-Salvatore DiMarco July-Dec. classes-The Shooting Gallery July 22 nd , 24 th & 26 th , Nov. 11 th , 13 th , & 15 th Valley of the Moon Trap Club-Sam Grow
Napa	707-648-0410 707-253-4637	Aug. 19 th , 20 th , & 23 rd , Oct. 21 st , 23 rd , & 25 th , Napa Rifle & Pistol Club-Sam Grow Napa County Sherrif-Deputy Don Stanley
San Benito County Chualar Lake County Hidden Valley Lakeport Marin County San Rafael	831-679-5965 707-987-8180 707-263-1585 707-769-8235	July 13 th & 14 th , Nov. 2 nd & 3 rd , Jim Miller, Instructor Classes pending Possible July classes-Phil Phillips July-Nov. classes-Bullseye Shooting Range Henry Hernandez, Instructor
Mendocino County Ukiah	707-485-0297 707-463-0434	July 8 th & Sept. 16 th –Ukiah Elks Club, Richard Turner, Instructor July 13 th , 20 th , & 27 th , Oct. 5 th , 12 th , & 19 th , Ukiah Gun Club-Robert Fuchs
Monterey County Hollister Salinas San Luis Obispo County Atascadero	831-679-5965 831-663-3224 805-461-5624	Aug. & November , Jim Miller, Instructor July 20 th & 21 st , Sept. 21 st & 22 nd , Oct. 13 th & 14 th Bob Monahan July 8 th , 9 th , 12 th , & 13 th , Sept. 9 th , 10 th , 12 th , & 14 th Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.-Jim Berman July 22 nd , 23 rd , 25 th & 27 th , Oct. 21 st , 22 nd , 24 th & 26 San Luis Obispo Sportmen's Assoc-Bill Plummer Classes held when enough students sign up., Madelene Farris Classes held when enough students sign up., Todd Tognazzini July –Sept. classes-San Miguel Lion's Club, Frank Nations, Instructor July-Sept. classes-Santa Maria Gun Club, Jim Banakus, Instructor
San Luis Obispo	805-461-1698	
Cambria/Paso Robles San Miguel Santa Maria	805-543-0429 805-238-4236 805-467-3209 805-937-2441	
Bowhunting Classes		
Challenge Yuba City	530-534-0977 530-671-9250 or 530-751-7767	Darryl McElmurry (Chuck Wyllie & Gene Kreb) (Joe Becker)
Stockton Grass Valley Esparto Roseville Rocklin	209-463-8860 530-268-3549 530-787-3259 916-723-6792 916-635-6759 916-630-8700	(John Watters) (Dave Deacon) (Marshall Myers) (Robert Moore) (Jim Williams) (Wilderness Archery)

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- . Anglers' Guide to French Canyon and Humphreys Basin
- . Anglers' Guide to the Fish Creek Area
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- . Anglers' Guide to the Mineral King Area
- . Avian Botulism
- . Big Game Hunting
- . Birds of the Gray Lodge and Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Areas
- . Birds of the Klamath River California
- . Birds of the North Grasslands, Los Banos, Volta and Mendota Wildlife Areas
- . Birds of the Suisun Marsh Area California
- . California Elk: A Summary of Their Natural History and Mgt.
- . California Heritage Trout
- . California Hunter Education Program
- . California Turkey Hunter's Guide
- . California Viewing Guide to Sandhill Cranes
- . California Wood Duck Program
- . California's Wild Trout Program
- . California's Wild Gardens order form
- . CalTIP Bumper Stickers
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- . CalTIP - Californians Turn In Poachers and Polluters
- . CalTIP Decals
- . Career Opportunities with the Department of Fish and Game
- . Catfish Manual and Cookbook
- . Chef Quin Cookbook
- . Chukars of Northeastern California
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- . Digest of Commercial Fish Laws
- . Directory of Public Resources
- . Disabled Persons Access Guide to California Fishing Areas and Piers
- . Farming for Wildlife
- . Fish and Game Wardens: Who We Are and What We Do
- . Fish Measuring Ruler
- . Fishing California's Central Coast Region
- . Fishing in the City
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- . Flight Log - Newsletter of the California Partners in Flight
- . Going Wild!... Newsletter
- . Gone Fishin' in the City
- . Gardener's Guide to Preventing Deer Damage
- . Guide to Hunting Deer in California
- . Guide to Hunting Wild Pigs in California
- . Guide to Hunting the Quail of California.
- . Guide to Ocean Sportfishing in San Diego County
- . Guide to the Public Recreation Areas of the Wildlife Conservation Board
- . Halt the Spread of Nuisance Fish Species
- . Harbor Safety Guide - San Pedro
- . Help Prevent Oil Spill Pollution
- . How to Catch, Bone and Cook a Shad
- . How to Catch Trout - Instructions for Beginners
- . Hunting and Other Public Uses on State and Federal Areas
- . Hunting Regulations - Mammals and Furbearers
- . Hunting Regulations - Resident and Migratory Upland Game
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- . Information Sheet on Selling Wildlife Parts
- . Lake or Streambed Alteration Notification and Agreements
- . Licensed Guide Information Sheet
- . Licensed Guide Regulations
- . Licensed Trapper Information Sheet
- . Lifetime Hunting & Fishing Application
- . Living with California Black Bears
- . Living with California Coyotes
- . Living with California Mountain Lions
- . Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery
- . Natural Diversity Data Base
- . Oil Spill Prevention and Response News
- . OSPR Guide to Clean, Green Boating
- . Outdoor California Magazine
- . Outdoor California Magazine Photo Contest Entry Form
- . Outdoors-Woman Program - Step Outside Newsletter
- . Partnerships in Native Plant Conservation
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- . Price You Pay for a Wild Pet
- . Project Wild
- . Protecting Fish Habitat - A Guide for Fishermen and Boaters
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- . Schedule of Special Hunts
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- . Sport Fishing Regulations
- . Steel Shot Loads for Waterfowl and Upland Game Birds
- . Taxidermy Information Sheet
- . Threat from Northern Pike in Lake Davis to Calif. Fisheries
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- . Trapping Regulations
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Brand New LOS VAQUEROS Reservoir Already a Prime Fishing Hole

For residents of the Bay Area and greater Sacramento metropolitan region there's a new and fantastic cold and warm water fishery that most anglers have yet to explore. Los Vaqueros Reservoir, which celebrated its grand opening to fishing in September 2001, is the region's newest reservoir and is anticipated to be one of the top and most diverse year-round fisheries in the state.

The new lake was filled in September 1998. The lake is located about 10 miles south of Brentwood, 10 miles north of Livermore, 35 miles east of Stockton, and 55 miles south west of Sacramento. Highway 4 and I-580 will take you to Brentwood and Livermore, respectively. The Contra Costa Water District temporarily drained many farm ponds and moved hundreds of fish to the lake. The largest bass weighed nearly nine pounds and the biggest channel catfish topped 12 pounds.

In an effort to attract anglers to fish the new 1,500 acre reservoir, the DFG planted more than 80,000 rainbow trout during 2000 and 2001. Those fish were all 10 to 14 inches. Also, Contra Costa County has stocked more than 100,000 rainbow trout since September of 1999, while the lakes concessionaire planted another 14,500 pounds of fish last year. Those fish responded well to their new environment and have grown considerably with no fishing pressure for the first two years. Beginning in March, the DFG allotted 35,000 half-pound trout to be stocked in the reservoir this year.

"There are a lot of rainbow trout. Most of them are now 15 inches and larger," says George Edwards, associate fisheries biologist for the DFG. "It seems to be a highly productive lake with a lot of two- to three-pounders and some up to five and six pounds. The growth in the reservoir seems to be substantial for all fish, including the native fish. We stocked those trout in at 12-14 inches and they are coming out as three- to four-pounders."

As for the bass fishery, it's yet to boom. However, Edwards said that anglers should expect for it to be one of the state's premier bass lakes within a few years. All of the ingredients needed for giant bass are there. There's plenty of cover, several coves, submerged oak trees, creek channels and most importantly, an abundance of food. There are plenty of threadfin shad, hitch, crowdfads, and large numbers of juvenile fish to feed the bass. Bass in the 5-10 pound range are expected in the next few years.

To create both a quality warm and cold fishery, and also make use of an excess of kokanee, the decision was made to introduce the fish into the reservoir in the spring of 2001. The DFG planted 110,000 fingerling kokanee as a trail run. If water temperatures remain at 55 degrees or cooler, the kokanee are expected to flourish, yet the true success of the species won't be clear for a few years. By this fall, the fish will hopefully reach 6-8 inches. That number would increase to 12-17 inches by fall 2003 and 17-20 inches when they peak in the fall of 2004.

Fish will grow fast because water pumped from the Delta brings an influx of inland silversides, Sacramento blackfish, carp, Sacramento sucker, prickly sculpin, three spined stickleback and mosquito fish to feed the trout, kokanee, and bass.

With four fishing piers, including one with wheelchair access, Los Vaqueros is angler-friendly. However, because it's a drinking water reservoir, no bodily contact is permitted. While the lake has a fleet of 25, 16-foot boats with electric trolling motors for rent, no private boats are allowed. Float tubes are also prohibited. Comprised of mostly tapered banks, shoreline access is great for anglers. The only baits allowed are worms, nightcrawlers, crickets, grasshoppers, grubs, liver, salmon eggs, Power Bait, and artificial lures. From June-August the hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more info about the Los Vaqueros Watershed, Call (925) 688-8225, (925) 513-2160 or check www.ccwater.com.

For those planning to make a day trip there are 55 miles of hiking, of which 13 miles are for biking and horseback riding, as well as picnic areas. For nature lovers, black tail deer, quail, turkeys, bobcats, coyotes, golden eagles, and red tail hawks frequent the lake.

Directions from Brentwood to the northern entrance – Take Highway 4 to Brentwood, turn south onto Oak Street, drive one block and turn left onto Walnut Blvd. Drive about 7 miles into the Los Vaqueros Watershed.

Directions from Livermore to the southern entrance – Take the Vasco Road exit from I-580 and drive north on Vasco Road toward Brentwood. About 5 miles north of Livermore, turn left on Los Vaqueros Road.

Fishing in the City - Summer 2002 Clinic Schedule

Free Fishing Instruction Clinics!

Clinics sponsored by Ca. Dept. of Fish & Game, City, District & County Parks Depts. and other community organizations as noted.

Ponds stocked with catfish!

Free loan (for 50) of rods, bait & tackle!

Fri. July 26 6:30-9pm Hagan Park (\$2 parking fee)
(End of Chase Dr., off Coloma Rd. in Rancho Cordova, cosponsor: RC Kiwanis)

Fri. Aug 2 6pm-8:30pm William Land Park
(Land Park Dr. across from Sacramento Zoo, cosponsor: City Parks & Council District 4)

Sat. Aug. 10 8:30-Noon Mather Lake (\$\$ parking fee)
(1/4 West of Watt Ave. on Elverta Rd. in Elverta.)

Fri. Aug 30 6pm-8:30pm Southside Park
(6th and V St. in downtown Sacramento)

Sat. Sept. 28 8:30am-Noon Howe Park
(Howe Ave. & Cottage Way in Sacramento)

For More Information Call: (916) 358-2872



August 2002

Kern Valley Hummingbird Celebration, selected weekends. (760) 378-3044

21-25 Butte County Fair and Sportsman's Expo, Butte County. \$ (530)846-3626

TBA Kid's Day, San Francisco NWR, Santa Clara County. (408) 262-5513

TBA Covey Kids Camp, Fresno County. \$ (909) 767-3435

September 2002

- 1 First half of dove hunting season opens. www.dfg.ca.gov
- 1 Grassland Environmental Education Center tour season begins, Merced County. Free (209) 704-4772
- 7 Wister Wildlife Area Volunteer Work Day, Imperial County. 8am-noon. Free (760) 359-0577 www.dfg.ca.gov
- 13 Modoc Migratory Bird Festival and Wildlife Festival, Modoc County. ? ? (530) 233-4143 www.r1.fws.gov/modoc/
- 13-15 American River Festival, El Dorado County. ? Free (530) 622-0848 www.americanriverfestival.org
- 14 Upper Sacramento River Clean Up, Siskiyou County. ? Free. (530) 235-2012 www.shastahome.com
- 21 Upper Newport Bay Estuary Cleanup Day, Orange County. 9am-1pm. Free (949) 640-6746
- 22 Brush-up Day – Sacramento and Delevan National Wildlife Refuges, Glenn County. Free (530) 934-0227
- 27-30 Turkey Vulture, Raptor & Fall Migration Festival, Kern County. ? (760) 378-4013
- 28 National Public Lands Day, Across the State. Free. (202) 833-2933 x474 www.npld.com
- 28 Oroville Salmon Festival, Butte County. Free (530) 538-2542 www.yahi.com/salmonfestival.info.htm
- TBA Youth Waterfowl Hunt in northeastern zone, tentatively the weekend prior to the opening of regular season. Call for the dates and details. (530) 225-2867

October 2002

- 4-6 Monterey Bay Bird Festival, Monterey County. \$ (831-761-1719 www.elkhornslough.org/mbbf/birdfest
- 5 Tarantula Fest and Fall BBQ, Santa Clara. \$ (408) 848-4006 www.coepark.parks.ca.gov
- 5-6 Trinity County Salmon Festival, Trinity County. \$ (530) 623-2760 www.tcarts.com
- 5-6 Kokanee Salmon Festival, El Dorado County. Free (530) 573-2674 www.r5.fs.fed.us/ltbmu/
- 11-12 Lodi Salmon Festival, San Joaquin County. \$ (209) 333-6742 www.lodi.gov
- 12-13 American river Salmon Festival, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 361-8700 www.salmonfestival.net
- 12 Crane Tour Day at Merced NWR, Merced County. Free (209) 826-3508 <http://sanluis.fws.gov>
- 13 Truckee River Day, ? Free (530) 265-4531 www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe
- 19 Return of the Salmon Festival, Shasta County. Free (530) 225-2300 www.r1.fws.gov
- TBA Junior Waterfowl Hunts at Lower Klamath NWR, Siskiyou County 2nd and 3rd Saturdays after season starts. (530) 667-2231

November 2002

Apply for December youth waterfowl hunts in November www.dfg.ca.gov

- 1-3 Sandhill Crane Festival, San Joaquin County. \$ (209) 367-7840 www.lodichamber.com
- 3 Desert Cleanup, San Diego County. ? (760) 767-5391 www.parks.ca.gov



Youth In The Outdoors Calendar

Wildlife Management is Tradition on 150 Year Old Ranch

By Melissa Heringer Reprinted from AG ALERT, the California Farm Bureau Newspaper

This is the eighth in a series of articles about farmers and ranchers who made a commitment to conservation.

Dave Fisher, a high desert cattleman, lives and works on a San Bernardino county ranch that's been in operation over 150 years. The ranch is located about 25 miles southeast of Barstow and is home to many species of wildlife including chukars, three species of quail, two species of dove, red tail hawks, golden eagles, big horn sheep, mule deer, coyotes, foxes, and desert tortoise. Fisher is especially proud of the flourishing population of big horn sheep, which he attributes to his water developments. He also mentions that his ranch is home to the "most viable population of desert tortoise in California".

Fisher practices responsible grazing management and comments that the plants and grasses on his land are very productive, thrifty, and vigorous where his cattle graze. If plants are not grazed, he says, they become "stagnant and woody". Wildlife avoid these areas and often graze right along with the cattle where the plants are green and tender. He has also put quite a bit of effort into developing water in the hills and canyons of his ranch. These water sources benefit not only the cattle, but the wildlife populations as well. According to Fisher, "when you develop water you literally develop and ecosystem around it". He also notes that some species of migratory animals now migrate through his ranch to take advantage of the water supplies.

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Dates To Remember

July 1 – Cottontail rabbit season open – See Spring Wing Beat News about places to hunt.

July 27 - Kids Fishing Day at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area near Gridley – Planted catfish

Sept. 1 – 15 Early dove season

Sept. 14 – Jan. 26, 2003 General tree squirrel season

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